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SUBJECT: ANTI-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES DIMINISH

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1. SUMMARY. ANTI-AMERICAN INCIDENTS HAVE DIMINISHED SINCE LAST STATUS REPORT AUGUST 19, ATHENS 5833. THREE SMALL DEMONSTRATIONS OUTSIDE OF ATHENS WERE REPORTED, ONE SERVICEMAN'S CAR PARTIALLY DAMAGED BY BURNING, DESTRUCTION OF ANOTHER POV THREATENED, AND SHORE PATROL VAN WAS OBJECT OF JEERING, THUMPING AND SPITTING BY SMALL GROUP AT ATHENS TOWERS. GREEK CO-PRESIDENT OF AMERICANHELLENIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCED TO PRESS HE WAS RESIGNING BECAUSE OF CYPRUS U.S. POLICY, AND GREEK WORKERS AT U.S. AIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORCE BASE IN CRETE ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO CALL 24-HOUR STRIKE

AUGUST 21 BUT CALLED IT OFF. LETTERS AND PETITION OF PROTEST SIGNED BY 31 U.S.-TRAINED PROFESSORS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY EMBASSY. END SUMMARY.

- 2. ATHENS NEWSPAPERS REPORTED AUGUST 21 THAT ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE IN PYRGOS (PELOPONNESOS) CORFU AND THESSALONIKI. MINOR EPISODE OCCURRED YESTERDAY WHEN GROUP OF ABOUT 20 GREEKS SHOUTED "OUT AMERICANS" AND "JERKS GO HOME" TO SHORE PATROL PERSONNEL IN VAN PARKED AT ATHENS TOWERS. SOME DEMONSTRATORS BANGED VAN WITH FISTS AND SPAT ON VEHICLE WITHOUT CAUSING DAMAGE. POV OF SERVICEMAN IN GLYFADA RECEIVED LIMITED DAMAGE AFTER FIRE EXTINGUISHED SHORTLY AFTER BEING IGNITED. ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO BURN POV IN GLYFADA FAILED WHEN PERPETRATORS FLED BEFORE IGNITING FUEL. THREATENING NOTE WAS LEFT ON AUTO OF NAVY ENSIGN TO EFFECT CAR WOULD BE DESTROYED. ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL TO AMERICAN CLUB OPERATOR ANNOUNCED THAT UNLESS ALL AMERICANS DEPARTED GREECE CLUB WOULD BE BLOWN UP.
- 3. PRESS CARRIED ITEM THAT GREEK LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF U.S. AIR FORCE BASE AT IRAKLION WOULD BEGIN 24-HOUR STRIKE AUGUST 21 PROTESTING U.S. CYPRUS POLICY AND WOULD DONATE ONE DAY'S EARNINGS TO GOG, BUT IT WAS CALLED OFF WHEN LOCAL NOMARCH INTERVENED. LONG-TIME GREEK PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN-HELLENIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE C. LAZARAKIS TOLD PRESS HE WAS RESIGNING BECAUSE OF U.S. STAND IN CYPRUS CRISIS. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NUMBER OF TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS PROTESTING U.S. CYPRUS POSITION AND PROTEST PETITION DELIVERED THIS MORNING TO EMBASSY WITH SIGNATURES OF 31 PROFESSORS AND SCIENTISTS WHO STUDIED IN U.S. UNIVERSITIES. LETTER TO AMBASSADOR RECEIVED AUGUST 19 FROM HAF MAJ. GENERAL RETURNED U.S. AIR MEDAL RECEIVED FOR KOREAN SERVICE AS PROTEST AGAINST U.S. CYPRUS POLICY.
- 4. ATHENS NEWSPAPERS HAVE SLACKENED ANTI-AMERICAN REPORTAGE CARRYING FEWER ARTICLES REPUBLISHED FROM U.S. AND EUROPEAN PRESS CRITICAL OF U.S. POLICY AND SHIFTING EDITORIAL FOCUS TO COMMENTARY DEPLORING SUNDAY'S DEMONSTRATION IN ATHENS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF TURKISH RAVAGES IN CYPRUS. PRESS CARRIED PHOTOS OF CHICAGO DEMONSTRATION EARLIER THIS WEEK. EMBASSY AMERICAN STAFF HAVE NOTED POLICE OFFICERS, SHOP ATTENDANTS AND TAXI DRIVERS HAVE MADE SPECIAL COURTESY EFFORTS SINCE ASSASSINATION OF AMBASSADOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAVIES AND GOG STATEMENTS CONDEMNING DEMONSTRATIONS. TASCA

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